

MINING NOTES OF INTEREST

Says Oil is to be Found in Salt Marsh

That oil will be found underneath the surface of the salt marsh which stretches between the Montezuma hills and the high mountains of Silver Peak is the firm conviction of J. T. Minchin, manager of the Nevada and Bay State Oil company. The well of this company on the east side of the marsh, which is the only one operating as yet in the districts, is down 300 feet, and has passed through salt water, alum water, fresh water and quicksand, the latter causing no end of trouble to the drillers. A few days since a terrific flow of natural gas came in and raised the casing thirty feet out of the ground. Ike Caillac was taking a telescopic view into the earth through the tubing but a few seconds before, but withdrew in time to save his head.

Mr. Minchin, who was the first man to undertake to develop the oil fields, declares that everything in the nature of fossils and rock formations that goes with oil deposits is present in the salt marsh, and that there are even croppings of lignite to be found on the ground of the Nevada and Bay State company. Every oil expert in the country who has visited the ground agrees with Mr. Minchin, and while this first well may not "hit the high-grade," he is firmly convinced that it is there. Bottles of water brought up by the baler contain petroleum of a fine grade, which quickly forms on top, and one of the hot springs is greasy with the oil.

Representatives of the Bakersfield oil trust have secured land adjoining that of the Bay State company, and are now preparing to drive a well. A representative of the company told Mr. Minchin that they had followed up all the oil prospects which have been reported, but this is the first field which has tempted them to spend any money.

Mr. Minchin considers that the discovery of oil in this section of the state would be more valuable than in other places in the west for the reason that the mining camps in the immediate vicinity would afford a big local market for the product. It would certainly be a boon for the camps, affording a cheap fuel in unlimited quantities.

A Goldfield syndicate headed by L. L. Patrick, R. L. Colburn, James Keelyn and A. C. Elsen has secured land in the same vicinity, and is preparing to bore a well.

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BALKAN AFFAIRS YET UNSETTLED

VIENNA, Nov. 18.—The possibility of trouble between Austria-Hungary and Serbia has not yet been eliminated. A semi-official statement issued here today states that the Austro-Hungarian government will be compelled to take decisive steps if the Serbian provocations do not cease. The dignity of the dual monarchy forbids it longer to tolerate Serbia's actions. A final decision as to the course of the government will be reached in a few days.

PARIS, Nov. 18.—Count Khevenhuller, the ambassador of Austria-Hungary, has informed Foreign Minister Pichon that Austria-Hungary, as a measure of precaution on the Serbian frontier, has strengthened her forces of gendarmes on the banks of the Drina and organized a flying column of police.

HIGH WATER IN WASHINGTON.
(By Associated Press.)

BELLINGHAM (Wash.), Nov. 18. High water has been reached along the Nooksack river and the floods will now recede. Many ranches are under water and a big stretch of railroad. The Skagit is still rising, threatening great damage.

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UGLY CHARGES ABOUT SELBY MINE COMPANY

Charges of grossest fraud in connection with the promotion and management of the Selby mine in the Jumbo district are being rigidly investigated by certain victims as well as by J. B. Menardi, of Reno, receiver of the company, and in all probability criminal complaints will be sworn to by the latter.

That the mine was repeatedly salted; that several of the company officers who had direct management were cognizant of and participated in the salting; that large sums of money were taken from the treasury of the company and squandered; that a number of legitimate investors were criminally deceived by alleged expert reports upon the property by alleged reputable mining engineers; that a large and valuable amount of high grade ore was stolen from the mine; that funds of the company that should have been used for the payment of its legitimate expenses were illegally diverted are a part of the ugly charges that have been made and which are now being investigated.

"If one-half the charges made against the management of the company are true there will be criminal prosecution of the guilty persons by the receivership," said Mr. Menardi, the receiver, to a newspaper man yesterday.

FIRE LADDIES MEET TONIGHT

The regular meeting of the volunteer fire department will be held this evening at the fire house and every member is requested to attend. The committee appointed at the last meeting to draw the by-laws and constitution will present its report, which will be read. On this account a full representation is requested and it behooves every member to be present.

STOCK MARKET

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